Dixon Fire Department
Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Dixon Fire Department to educate, protect, and serve our citizens and visitors by:

- Promoting safety through public education, preplanning inspections and code enforcement.

- Providing a quick, professional response to all emergencies that threaten life and property in our jurisdiction.

- Providing exceptional medical care as state certified paramedics.

These services are provided with a vision to the future and with fiscal responsibility, and are delivered 24 hours a day by professionals who serve with excellence, dedication, and pride.
March 4, 2012

It is my pleasure to report that the Dixon Fire Department continues to serve the citizens of Dixon with courage, honor, and integrity. The members of the department take great pride in their work and enjoy serving the city as dedicated professionals.

This year was a busy year for the Dixon Fire Department. In addition to fighting fires, Dixon Firefighters also provide Paramedic Services, they respond to and prepare for all types of emergencies such as; medical calls, hazardous conditions incidents, and various rescue situations in natural or man-made disasters. Dixon Firefighters responded to more than 1700 emergency calls in the last year. This number represents when someone has experienced an unexpected traumatic event that led them to call us for assistance. Our goal is to treat our citizens with respect and dignity while we deal with the emergency situation. With the steady rise in call volume our the current resources are being stretched thin. If we are to continue to provide the level of service that is expected to the people of Dixon, the amount of members will need to be addressed. Currently our department has fewer members then it did in 1980 when the call for service was approximately 1200 calls less and training requirements were significantly less.

We also continue to provide Community Involvement Programs. Programs cover fire prevention from children to adults, station tours, and inspections. Lives can be saved and more property protected by educating our community and teaching them about fire safety and good health habits, and what they can do to be proactive in their homes and in their lives to help them prevent a devastating fire or accident.

In order to protect the people and property of the City of Dixon, department members are continually training. This is accomplished daily in the station training as well as attending training at various academies. Training is also performed with the Dixon Rural Fire Department. Our relationship continues to grow with that department to better serve the citizens of both department's response areas. Growing our relationship helps our departments to continue to work better as one unit.
During 2012 there were some department changes, Aaron Brown was hired to fill the resignation of a Firefighter. Also, due to the on the job injury of Andrew Brooks, Sean Wagner who was a volunteer Firefighter was hired to fill the vacancy.

A major event in the Dixon Fire Department this year was the delivery of our new Aerial Truck T10. Which was the 2nd New Aerial device in the history of the Dixon Fire Department. The last new Ladder Truck was approved for purchase in 1954, at a cost of $41,500. The T10 was purchased for $827,000, the cost was offset by being awarded a grant for $400,000 from FEMA.

Thank you Mayor Burke and Commissioners for your continued support and trust in our department, which enables us to offer the level of service we provide. I would also like to thank the members of the Dixon Fire Department for their commitment and professionalism in carrying out their duties.

Sincerely,

Tim Shipman
Chief
Dixon Fire Department
2012 Fire Department Members
Chief Tim Shipman

Chief Tim Shipman joined the Dixon Fire Department on January 16, 1993. He was promoted to Lieutenant on May 15, 2005 and appointed Chief July 9, 2008.

His certifications are Fire Officer I, Firefighter III, Fire/Arson Investigator, Management IV, Hazardous Materials Technician, Instructor I, Technical Rescue Awareness, and EMT-Paramedic.
Captain Mark Callison

Lieutenant Scott Schmidt

Firefighter Jesse Arjes

Firefighter Ryan Goode
Firefighter Goode joined the Dixon Fire Department on September 13, 2009. His certifications include EMT-Paramedic, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Instructor I, Firefighter II, and Fire Apparatus Engineer. Firefighter Goode is a graduate of Rock Valley College with a degree in Fire Science.
Capt. Dave Lohse


Lt. Keith Gabany


Firefighter Brian Strock


Firefighter Jacob Henry


Firefighter Adam Arnould

Captain Mike Wilcox

Lieutenant Ryan Buskohl

Firefighter Andy Brooks

Firefighter Scott Romine

Firefighter Dave Boucher
2012 New Hires

Firefighter Aaron Brown


Firefighter Sean Wagner

Firefighter Wagner first joined the Dixon Fire Department as a Volunteer May 2007. He was hired as a full time Firefighter on October 13, 2012. He joined the C-Shift RED. His certifications include EMT-Basic, Firefighter II, and Technical Rescue Awareness.
The members of our volunteer force are a valuable asset to the Dixon Fire Department. They are trained in areas ranging from fire behavior to search and rescue techniques. They serve to supplement our work force in emergency situations.

**Roger Wagner**  
Volunteer Firefighter Wagner started in March 2008

**Doug Kitson**  
Volunteer Firefighter Kitson started in September 1999

**Dale Burgess**  
Volunteer Firefighter Burgess started in July 1990

**Ed Higby**  
Volunteer Firefighter Higby started in November 1976  
Department Photographer
In 2012 the new Tower T10 was delivered. In 2011 Dixon Fire Department applied for and was awarded a $400,000 grant for the purchase of an aerial truck. Alexis Fire Equipment’s $827,000 bid won for the 2011 custom built 104’ RK Ladders Aerial built on a HME chassis. It has a 2000 GPM pump and holds 300 gallons of water. This apparatus is a great addition to our department and the communities surrounding Dixon.
New Tower T10
2012 Apparatus & Equipment

**Engine 6**
Dixon Fire Department’s front line engine/pumper is a 2006 Alexis built on a Spartan chassis. It has a 1250 GPM Hale pump and holds 750 gallons of water. This apparatus is taken as the first due engine on all fire calls and investigations within the city.

![Engine 6](image1)

**Engine 4**
Engine 4 is a 1993 Alexis engine/pumper built on a Spartan chassis. It has a 1250 GPM pump and holds 500 gallons of water. This apparatus is our second due engine and is also the engine used when going to mutual aid or auto aid with Dixon Rural or other surrounding communities.

![Engine 4](image2)
2012 Apparatus & Equipment

T10
Tower 10 is a 2011 Alexis Aerial built on a HME chassis. It has an aerial ladder and platform capable of reaching 104 feet. A 200 GPM pump holds 300 gallons of water. Tower 10 is first due on all reported structure fires and alarms.

Squad 5
Squad 5 is a 2009 Alexis fast response vehicle. Built on a Ford F-550 4-wheel drive chassis. This is truly a multi-purpose apparatus with water & pump capabilities for grass and field fires. Has an on-board generator and light tower, a cascade air system to refill air packs on scene of fires, as well as many other versatile uses.
1 H 17 Ambulance
1 H 17 Ambulance is a 2007 Ford Medtech Ambulance built on a Ford F-350 chassis. This is one of two advanced life support ambulances for Dixon Fire. 1H17 is our first due ambulance.

1 H 26 Ambulance
1 H 26 Ambulance is a 2001 Ford Medtech Ambulance built on a Ford E-350 chassis. This is our second advanced life support ambulance for Dixon Fire. Equipped the same as 1H17, it responds on all double up ambulance calls that Dixon Fire receives. 1H26 is our second due ambulance.
2012 Apparatus & Equipment

**Rescue Boat**

2009 Clark Boat is a 21 foot plate boat with a 115 HP Mercury motor. It is equipped with side scan sonar technology, which allows personnel to see clear images to the bottom of the river.

![Rescue Boat Image]

**Haz Mat**

Dixon Fire houses the Mabas Division 38 Hazardous Material Trailer which is a 2003 20 foot Haulmark. It is equipped with various haz mat equipment that allows us to contain and mitigate a haz mat emergency in Lee County. The equipment carried on the trailer was made possible due to Dixon Fire applying for and being awarded an AFG Grant for $65,000 in 2003.

![Haz Mat Image]
2012 Training
EMS / Fire Training Classes

Training is one of the most important tasks that is done within the Dixon Fire Department. One can never train too much or be too prepared for a variety of tasks and responsibilities given to them within the fire service.

All department members train daily in addition to the classes listed on the following pages. In 2012 Dixon Fire Department members logged in excess of 3500 hours of training on a wide variety of topics.

Modes of training are done by hands on, lecture, video, or reading, either as a group or by self study. Listed below are some of the topics covered:

- Standard Operating Procedure Review
- Thermal Imager Use
- Rapid Intervention Team Protocol
- MABAS Response Card Review
- Haz Mat Equipment Review
- Boat & Sonar Operations
- Ladder Placement and Operations
- Ventilation Techniques
- SCBA Care & Use
- FSVO Fire Apparatus Driving & Placement
- Salvage and Overhaul Procedures
- Ropes & Knots
- Ice Rescue Suits & Equipment Review
- Building Construction
- Water Drafting Procedures
- Residential Fire Tactics & Strategies
- Basement Fire Tactics & Strategies
- Downtown Fire Tactics & Strategies
- Forcible Entry Tools & Methods
- Multiple EMS Subjects
EMS / Fire Training Classes

EMS Training

In order to maintain the Dixon Fire Department’s Paramedic Level Service many hours of continuing education is taken by all.

Monthly training sessions as well as re-certification in specialized areas must be done. These specialized classes include, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Trauma Life Support.

The EMT-Ps on staff are very well trained and provide excellent service to the citizens of our community.

Fire Training

The fire service has grown over the years to so much more than just firefighting. A Firefighter must be prepared for almost any task asked of them. For this reason training is so very important. Some of the services provided are:

- Fire Suppression
- Fire Prevention/Education
- Fire Inspection
- Emergency Medical Services
- Hazardous Materials Emergency Response
- Confined Space Rescue
- Cold Water Rescue
- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Various rescues in natural or man-made disasters

Instructor I

Firefighter Brian Strock attended Instructor I class at the IFSI. This 40 hour course is one of the many required to obtain a Fire Officer I status, it is designed to give the student knowledge and ability to prepare and instruct a class. Areas covered included: communication, concept of learning, human relations in the teaching-learning environment, methods of teaching, records and reports, testing and evaluation, instructors roles and responsibilities and teaching techniques.
Instructor II
Lieutenant Buskohl completed the 40 hour Instructor II course. The emphasis of the Instructor II course is placed on teaching formalized lessons from materials prepared by the instructor, including relating information from one lesson or class to the next. Coverage includes: writing performance objectives, developing lesson plans, preparing instructional materials, constructing evaluation devices, demonstrating selected teaching methods, completing training records and reports, and indentifying reference resources. Prerequisite: Instructor I (40 hour course).

Fire Department Instructors Conference
Chief Shipman, Captain Wilcox, Lieutenant Gabany & Firefighter Goode attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis. This 4 day conference brings in top instructors from all over the country to teach classes in all areas of firefighting and emergency services. This event allows attendees to get new information and see new equipment being introduced into our line of work.

Management IV
Chief Shipman and Captain Callison completed the 40 hour Management IV course. The Management IV course is designed to provide the Fire Officer, who is in charge of multiple fire companies or stations, with information and skills in personnel management. Subject areas covered included the role and function of the Fire Officer II, introduction to Total Quality Management, performance evaluation, interviewing techniques, labor relations and collective bargaining, fire officer liability, and team building. Prerequisite: Management I (40 hour course) Management II (40 hour course) and Management II (40 hour course)

Leadership for Lifesavers
Lieutenant Buskohl attended this 4 part series which helps prepare company officers. It spans 4 months with one 8 hour session each month and individual projects between sessions. The sessions were: 360 Assessment and Leadership Behaviors, Teambuilding and Creating Vision, Continuous Improvement and Change, and Putting It All Together.
Certified Firefighter II Academy

Firefighter Brown completed the 330 hour Certified Firefighter II Academy which assists fire departments in meeting the requirements of the Division of Personnel Standards and Education Office of the State Fire Marshal for the C.F.F. II level. Classes covered the subjects required by the Division, plus others, and was taught by certified members of the IFSI Staff. He had numerous opportunities to participate in “live-fire” exercises. Emphasis was placed on developing the skills and knowledge necessary for entry-level personnel to become functioning members of a fire company.

EMT-P

Emergency Medical Technicians - Paramedic

Firefighter Goode received his EMT-P license on February 6th. Firefighter Wagner started his EMT-P classes. Classes consist of 440 hours of Medical training and 400 Clinical hours (Hospital, ER, ICU, Pediatrics, OB, Surgery, etc.)

Emergency medical service (EMS) providers have four levels: First Responder, EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, and EMT-Paramedic. The EMT-Basic represents the first component of the emergency medical technician system. An EMT-B is trained to care for patients on accident scenes and on transport by ambulance to the hospital under medical direction. The EMT-B has the emergency skills to assess a patient’s condition and manage respiratory, cardiac, and trauma emergencies. The EMT-Intermediate has more advanced training that allows administration of intravenous fluids and medications, use of manual defibrillators to give lifesaving shocks to a stopped heart, and use of advanced airway techniques and equipment to assist patients experiencing respiratory emergencies. EMT-Paramedics provide care already described, in addition they may administer drugs orally and intravenously, interpret electrocardiograms (EKGs), and use monitors and other complex equipment.

12 Lead EKG

In 2012 our cardiac monitors were upgraded to not only perform a basic 3 Lead EKG, but a 12 Lead EKG. Department Paramedics were extensively trained in the reading and interpretation of this 12 Lead EKG. This upgrade will allow a cardiac patient to be diagnosed much sooner of the need to be taken to a Cardiac Cath Lab for advanced treatment.
2012 Training Classes

Everyone Goes Home

This training has come from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to do more to prevent line of duty deaths and injuries within the fire service. Sixteen life safety initiatives were delivered to the Dixon City and Dixon Rural Fire Departments. Everyone has the responsibility of practicing these life safety initiatives for their families, fire department families and the community we serve.

Railroad Training Class

Dixon Fire Department was trained on railway emergencies. Union Pacific sent an instructor to teach proper techniques for extinguishing a locomotive fire, the dangers involved with the electrical and fuel systems when on fire, and brief hazardous materials information. Members were also able to board a locomotive here in town to familiarize themselves.
2012 Training

SCBA Drills

Dixon Fire Department train regularly on self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). It is imperative that each Firefighter is comfortable and confident with this life saving piece of equipment. Various evolutions are performed with masks covered to simulate heavy smoke conditions as well as air consumption evolutions to allow Firefighters the ability to see how long an air bottle will last under hard working conditions.
Relay Pumping / Water Supply Drill

Relay pumping is needed when a large amount of water is being used and the hydrant is an extended distance from the scene. It allows water pressure to be boosted from the hydrant by pumping from one engine located at the hydrant to another engine located near the fire scene.

Auto Extraction Class

Both Dixon City and Rural Fire Departments respond to motor vehicle accidents in both districts. Typically Dixon Rural provides the extraction and Dixon City provides EMS. Annually Firefighters train with extrication equipment to be prepared when serious accidents occur and patients need to be treated in the auto and extricated.
Ice Rescue

Every winter a day is spent training for cold water emergencies. Multiple evolutions are performed. This allows department members the opportunity to be confident and prepared in the cold water suits as well as other specialty water rescue equipment used for rescue in cold water environments.

Chief Shipman and Caption Callison went to Rock Falls in 2012 and conducted training for Rock Falls and Sterling Fire Departments as they had not been formally trained in this area.
2012 Community Involvement
Mumford & Sons Concert

On August 17th through August 20th the Dixon Community hosted an absolutely wonderful event. The Mumford & Sons Gentleman of the Road Stopover Tour.

To say the event was a success would be an understatement. The GOTR Stopover was held at a time when Dixon residents needed a positive event. Visitors also saw how welcoming Dixon is.

This event was most likely one of the largest events held in Dixon. Planning with all key players began far in advance of the show date. With many hours of meeting and preparing the Dixon Fire Department members along with the assistance of Dixon Rural Fire Department members provided EMS and Fire Protection for the 3 campsites, downtown venues and main stage venues. From 6pm Friday, August 17th until 6am Sunday, August 19th, approximately 280 man hours were used to keep concert goers safe, while duty staff still provided Fire & EMS protection to the rest of the community.

The Fire Department treated approximately 65 people and transported 5 from the various sights for a variety of problems.

This event could not have gone so well without the cooperation and joint efforts of the City of Dixon Leaders, Dixon Fire, Dixon Police, JAM Productions, Jay Goldberg Productions, Lee County Emergency Management Agency, Dixon Rural Fire Department and Lee County Sheriff Department. More importantly a thank you to Josh Albrecht of Dixon Main Street for getting this event brought to Dixon.

Dixon Fire looks forward to the next great event to be hosted in Dixon.
2012 Community Involvement
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[Images of various outdoor events and gatherings]
2012 Community Involvement

Fire Ready Every Day

Dixon Fire Department went to every first grade class in Dixon and presented our FRED (Fire Ready Every Day) program. During this program, members of the department spend 1 hour a week in each classroom for a four week period teaching the children about fire safety. Topics for FRED include, explaining the turnout gear and some of the tools Firefighters use to fight a fire, stay low and go the way to get out of a house filled with smoke, stop drop and roll, the fire triangle (what it takes to make a fire and when a part of the triangle is removed the fire goes out), dialing 911 and the proper use of 911, how smoke detectors work and the importance of having them in their home, and discussing home evacuation plans and drills. 248 students from twelve public and private first grade classes participated in this program.

Fire Safety House

During Fire Prevention Week in October, the Fire Safety House was presented to 215 third graders throughout Dixon. The children are always attentive and learn from this important hands-on teaching. During the sessions the students are shown how a smoke detector works; how to go out windows and doors; Stop, Drop and Roll; Exit Drills in the home; proper use of 911 and related topics. While the children are in the house smoke fills the room, to simulate what a house would look like during a fire, then the children are to implement the steps they were taught to exit the house. The Fire Safety House was built and donated by the Lions Clubs of Dixon in 1987. It is available to area fire departments to help teach as many children as possible. Education of our young citizens help make for a safer living environment for all of us.
Juvenile Fire-setter Program

The Dixon Fire Department offers counseling to juveniles that have been involved in incidents that have either accidentally or intentionally caused a fire. The goal of this program is to prevent the child from continuing to set fires, by educating or changing their behavior. The initial evaluation is performed by Firefighter Dave Boucher to determine the level of fire setting tendencies. The levels range from little concern (curious) to extreme concern (psychological problems). Once a level is determined, an educational program or a referral to a mental health profession, or a combination of both, is begun to change the fire setting tendency.

Fire Science Program

On July 13\textsuperscript{th}, Dixon Fire Department staff took part in the open house for Sauk Valley Community College’s new Fire Science Program. The open house included events such as tours of the Fire Science building, vehicle extrication demonstrations, live-fire flashover simulator demonstrations and fire truck rides. The evening concluded with a fireworks show. The new program offers an Associate Degree in Fire Science, and related firefighting and fire officer classes. This program will be an asset for firefighters in the Sauk Valley, providing a means to obtain valuable training that was not readily available prior to now. Dixon Fire Department is proud to have several members of the department participating as faculty for this new program.
Fire Prevention Week - Smoke Detector / Pizza Program

As part of “Fire Prevention Week” the Dixon Fire Department along with the Dixon Firefighters Charitable Association conducted our 6th Annual Smoke Detector Program. Smoke detectors are a very inexpensive form of life insurance. Early detection is the key to surviving if a fire were to strike your home. Our Firefighters followed a pizza delivery person from five local pizza restaurants during the week to 39 houses in Dixon. Of the 39 houses 5 did not wish to participate. Of the remaining 34, only 19 households (56%) had working detectors on each floor of the home. The homes with working detectors received a ten dollar gift certificate from the pizza restaurant. 7 smoke detectors and 30 –9volt batteries were given away.

Seeing percentages of homes with non-working smoke detectors, we will continue with this and other programs to encourage our residents to practice fire safety throughout the entire year.

Life Safety Inspections / Building Familiarization Tours

Annually department members attempt to go to all commercial and industrial properties in Dixon. The department inspected 120 properties in 2012. The purpose of these visits is to inspect the facility for life safety hazards such as blocked exits, working fire extinguishers, exit and emergency lighting as well as working fire alarm and sprinkler systems. We also are able to familiarize ourselves with building layouts. A preplan is entered into our database with critical information such as utility disconnects, hazardous storage and emergency contact information. These inspections and tours help to prepare department members in the event of a fire or other emergency in these facilities.

In addition to the above tours, the Fire and Building Departments inspect all liquor license holders establishments (50) in Dixon. The same life safety inspection is performed at these businesses as well. Any violations need to be addressed in order for the business to renew their annual liquor license.
Station Tours

The Dixon Fire Department was fortunate to be visited by over 430 children and adults of all ages (24 tours) wanting to know what a day in the life of a Firefighter is like. Our visitors are from area schools, preschools and some adult programs. The tours not only show and demonstrate the various equipment that we use in our daily duties, but we also discuss our work schedule, station chores, and the programs that we take out into the community. We also use this opportunity with young visitors to emphasize fire safety. We talk about stop, drop and roll, dialing 911 for emergencies and what information they should know for the operator, and an exit drill in the home. We also remind them of the importance of testing their smoke detectors and changing the batteries at least once a year.

Children make up the biggest group that visit the station. It is a unique opportunity to begin their fire safety experience. The tours are fun and educational not only for the children but for their guides as well. It is our goal that by creating informed and safe children they will grow up to be informed and safe adults.

MDA Boot Drive

For 17 years the Dixon Fire Department and Firefighters Local 1943 have run the “Fill the Boot” campaign for Muscular Dystrophy. During the telethon weekend members of the department stand at various locations in the city asking for donations to fill the boot for MDA. This program has gone very well with several thousand dollars being raised each year. The International Association is a corporate sponsor for the Jerry Lewis MDA telethon, and fire departments throughout the USA and Canada have been one of the largest contributors for this telethon.
Prom Demonstration DHS - Mock Drunk Driving Accident

On April 27, Dixon Fire Department and other agencies hosted a “Mock Drunk Driving Accident” on the Dixon High School football field, the day before Prom. Dixon Fire Department does this every two years, weather permitting. This project was started 14 years ago, which is spearheaded by Captain Mark Callison. The goal was to illustrate the consequences of making poor choices with alcohol and driving. Showing that the results can be devastating.

There was a staged head-on collision with four teenagers in one vehicle and one driver in a second vehicle. The teen driver who was driving under the influence of alcohol, was put through a sobriety test. He wore goggles from the Dixon Police Department which impaired his vision, to help simulate a person under the influence. The Lee County Sheriff’s Department later arrested him. To extract the two passengers in the rear seat, the Dixon Rural & Dixon Fire Departments removed the roof of the car. They were assessed at the scene and then transported by Dixon City and Advance EMS ambulances. The passenger in the front seat was ejected onto the hood and was pronounced dead on the scene and was removed by the Jones Funeral Home.

In the opposite vehicle the driver sustained serious injuries that were assessed at the scene and then he was flown out by Rockford Memorial’s REACT Helicopter. All passengers were treated with full-trauma packaging that would take place at an actual accident.

Captain Mike Wilcox, emceed the event. Shelley Dallas, Lee County 911 director, played actual recordings of accidents’ 911 calls.

Former Dixon Police Officer Bob McCoy spoke to the students about a severe accident he was involved in while on duty with a drunk driver on Good Friday, 1986. The accident was so severe it took him from patrol duty forever.

There was plenty of behind-the-scenes help. Slim-N-Hanks Auto Body Shop removed the fuel tank, battery and glass from one vehicle and towed both vehicles to and from the field. Doug Sears, KSB Hospital, supplied medical products for treatment of the patients and applied the injury makeup. Paula Durband and Mike Grady, along with other DHS staff also assisted greatly.

All agencies and personnel involved sincerely hope that this demonstration will make an impact on all the students, not just during the prom season but throughout their lives.
2012 Community Involvement

Prom Demonstration DHS - Mock Drunk Driving Accident
Blood Drive

The Dixon Fire Department and Firefighters have hosted an annual blood drive for the past 20 plus years. It has been one of the larger blood drives in the Dixon area with more than 100 pints of blood collected. The amount has declined some in the past few years due to more blood drives being held.

We feel this is a great program and needed. We will continue this annual drive for years to come.

St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Dixon Fire Department participated in this year’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade by spraying green into the river. Captain Wilcox showed his Irish pride by playing the bagpipes throughout the parade.
Keep the Wreath Red

For 19 years Dixon City and Dixon Rural Fire Departments conduct our annual “Keep The Wreath Red” Campaign. The campaign ran from December 1st until January 1st. The program was designed to increase our citizens awareness of the increased fire hazards associated with the holiday season. Both departments display a wreath decorated with a red bulb. If either department suffers a fire that started due to any holiday decorations, candles, etc. the bulb will be changed to white. This year’s campaign was a success!

It is our intent to increase awareness that fire safety is not only during the holidays, but throughout the remainder of the year as well.

The Dixon Fire Department would like to acknowledge the Kitson Family Tree Farm for their continued donation of our wreath used for the campaign.

Christmas Walk

Dixon Fire Department has the honor of giving Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus a ride to and from the Dixon’s Christmas Walk Tree Lighting Ceremony at KSB Hospital. The children’s faces seeing Santa arrive on the fire truck is a great way to start the holiday season.
2012 Statistics
The traditional fire service has changed over the years, for more than 33 years our department has provided Emergency Ambulance Services for our community. In 1985 the department upgraded to a Paramedic Level Service Station. We strive to serve the citizens of our community and continue to provide this vital service.
During the past year Dixon Fire Department responded to a variety of fire calls. Fire calls ranged from structural fires, vehicle fires, downed power lines, smoke investigations, unauthorized burning, and automatic alarms. A total of 252 fire responses were reported last year. A breakdown of incident types that Dixon Fire Department responded to last year as follows:

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<td>Carbon Monoxide Incident</td>
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2012 Fire Statistics

The Dixon Fire Department has historically responded to approximately 200-300 Fire Emergencies. This dates back to the early 1900’s. Since EMS service has been added, as seen in the table below, our calls for service have increased by more than 1450 calls annually without increasing our members.

With the steady climb in call numbers, the amount of members will need to be addressed if our high level of service is to remain.

The Role of the Fire Department: If someone has an emergency and doesn’t know who to call, the Fire Department will respond.

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Firehouse

Dixon Fire Department’s computer program that is used for every fire incident report is called Firehouse. Besides fire reports, the department’s overtime, occupancy records and reports to the Office of State Fire Marshal are all done in this program. This reporting system allows Illinois and ultimately the Federal Government to track our statistics and injuries related to fires. The program is capable of producing the graphs and pie charts on the preceding pages.

- The first graph: Count of incidents by Alarm Hour. According to the graph 3:00pm was the busiest hour of the day. The least amount of calls were during the 3:00am hour.

- The second graph: Incident responses by the Day of Week. As the graph shows consistency of incidents everyday of the week. By a small margin Wednesday was the busiest day of the week in 2012.

- The third graph: Incident Type Summary. Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents by far had the most incidents. Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire) was the least incident calls.

- The fourth graph: Incidents by District. “In District” had the most calls with 72%, “In City limits” was second with 26% and “Out of District” & “Mutual Aid Location” tied at 1% of calls.

- The fifth graph: Property Use Summary. “Residential Fires” had the most incidents, while “Industrial, Utility, Defense, Agriculture, Mining” & “Property Use/Other” had the least incidents.

- The sixth graph: Type of Alarm. As the graph shows all calls were “Still Alarms” there were no “Box Alarms” this year.
2012 Fire Statistics

![Incident Responses by Day of Week](chart1.png)

![Incident Responses by Alarm Hour](chart2.png)
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